

## General Assembly

## Raised Bill No. 5123

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by: (GAE)

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE CENTRALIZED VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) Not later than January 1, 2002, each registrar of
- voters shall transmit to the office of the Secretary of the State all elector
- 3 information required by said office to complete the state-wide
- 4 centralized voter registration system created by said office. Each
- 5 registrar shall transmit such information in an electronic format
- 6 prescribed by the Secretary of the State.
- 7 (b) On and after July 1, 2002, each registrar of voters shall maintain
- 8 all elector information on the state-wide centralized voter registration
- 9 system.
- 10 Sec. 2. (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this
- section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to
- 12 time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more
- 13 series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate two
- 14 hundred fifty thousand dollars.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the office of the Secretary of the State to complete the development and implementation of the state-wide centralized voter registration system, including but not limited to, providing grants-in-aid to municipalities for the acquisition of computers and computer printers and the installation of ISDN telecommunication lines to carry out the purposes of section 1 of this act.

(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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## Statement of Purpose:

To facilitate the completion and maintenance of the state-wide centralized voter registration system.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]